

Message presented to the Right Rev
Bishop of Clogher
After the Service and Consecration
held at the
Church of the Dow Pastor
on
the 19. April 1910

To His Ex^{ty} Right-Rev Father in Christ
The Bishop of Clogher

We the Clergy and the Church Council
being the legitimate representatives of the
Sessitanen Church of the Dow Pastor
Candal most sincerely beg to present your
Solicitude with our congratulations upon the
most pleasing visit that you have paid
to our Congregation, and to thank you
most gratefully for having confirmed
24 of our brethren in the Faith of Christ.

With your
Solicitude permit us to relate in a few words
a résumé, or sketch of some of the work done
during the last 28 years, during which
time the blessing of God has accompanied us.

We began
the work for The Master in the Summer
of 1882 at the Sea Side resort of Lavadara
afterwards, carrying on the work to Candal
in the autumn of the same year.

As the
work increased and began to take root we
established here in Candal the same year

in the Rua do Monte a Primary School, making the very first school established in this locality + neighbourhood.

The school prospered so that it was necessary to build the present large School Houses which were finished in 1884.

On the 6th of January 1889 our present Church was opened for Divine Service and from that day the path has branched out to different places.

In the year 1883 assisted by the Rev. Fred W. Floret we established missions in the Marco, and the Estourada de Baixo which were well attended.

In the year 1892 we established a mission for the Pinaet Side people at Gaia which was well attended, and to day we have members on our Church Council from that locality.

In the year 1901 we established the mission in the City of Guimarães and our people were the very first to have their names in the Government Civil Registration at the office of the Administrator.

Also in the following year 1902 we began the mission in the City of Vianna do Castelo where the first registration of the death of a child according to Civil Law caused such an uproar in the place.

In the year 1905 we first began the mission in Magdalena and to day some of the brethren congregated are from that mission.

In 1908 we began the publication of the Popular Evangelical books and tracts, entitled the Library of Antonio Maria Landal, and we have already published

13 popular works. 1 Almanac, and 8 large picture
and Texts, Carols, and 12 numbers of our
Parish Journal the Bow Post, being a total of
46,000 copies which we have very largely distributed
very largely all over our country, and also in
the Brazils.

We ever remember with regret, and
honour the loving memory of a Sister in the faith
who was called home in 1892, who first
succeeded in calling and asking our neighbours
and others to attend our services, and who
organised our School in the first instance.

Our presbyter who
began this work was licensed by the Standing Committee
of the Lusitanian Church, and was ordained
deacon by his grace Lord Plunket in Dublin
in 1892, and was ordained a Presbyter by
Don Juan Cabrera of Madrid in the
year 1895.

Our deacon began to preach the
Gospel as a layman in 1898 and was licensed
as a preacher by the Synod of the Lusitanian
Church in 1903 and was ordained by
Bishop Don Juan Cabrera in 1908.

As the work
increases we have great difficulty owing to the
want of a large parish room, in which
to hold the meetings of our flourishing YWCA
and YMCA, and also we are much
hampered for the want of the necessary funds
to send out Clergy and Evangelists up the
country to preach the Gospel. This in reply
to the very urgent invitations that we
are constantly receiving from members of our
Church and others in the interior.

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Our ministers are overburdened with work but they endeavor to seize every opportunity that the work of the Lord may be known and that God may be glorified and souls saved.

We desire again our closest to beg to thank your Lordship most heartily for your visit. And we most respectfully beg you to present to the other members of our Council of Bishops our humble Salutations.

Signed on the 19 of April 1910

Clergy

by
Pastor
Sealow

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